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# DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2011-0012-DNA

<u>PROJECT NAME</u>: Transfer of base property and livestock grazing on Allotment 07098 (Karl's View) from Sandra Knox to the Kenneth L. Manley Trust.

<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>: BLM administered public land includes all or part of the following:

Allotment 07098 (Karl's View)

T. 7 N., R. 82 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 12

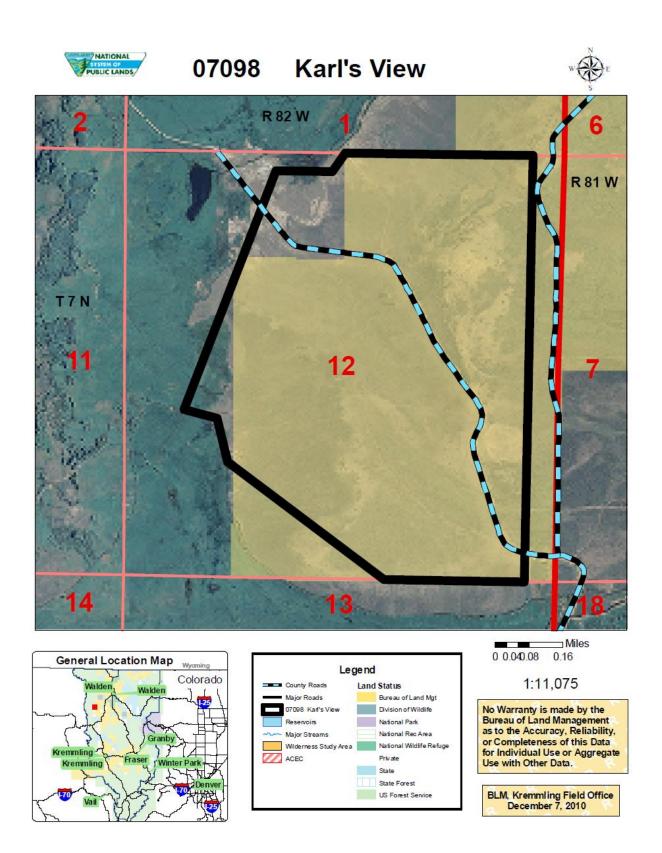
APPLICANT: Kenneth L. Manley Trust

<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION</u>: The Proposed Action would transfer the base property and livestock grazing preference on Allotment 07098 (Karl's View) from Sandra Knox to the Kenneth L. Manley Trust. There would be no change to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock preference as expressed in AUMs\*.

AUM = animal unit month = the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and calf for one month.

Livestock grazing permit # 0504348 would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock	Season of Use	Percent Public	AUMs
	Number Kind		Land	
07098	66 Cattle	06/01 - 07/14	65	62



<u>LAND USE PLAN (LUP) CONFORMANCE REVIEW</u>: The Proposed Action is subject to the following plan:

Name of Plan: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

X The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

Decision Language: Objectives of the RMP/ROD include allocation of a base level of livestock forage and maintaining or improving forage production and condition in areas where livestock grazing is a priority or is compatible with the land use priority. Allotment 07098 was designated with an oil and gas priority by the RMP. Livestock grazing is compatible with this designation.

### **REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:**

List by name and date all existing NEPA documents that cover the Proposed Action.

Name of Document: CO-KRFO-02-25-EA

Date Approved: April 11, 2002

NEPA Adequacy Criteria	Yes	No
1. Is the Proposed Action substantially the same action and at the site		
specifically analyzed in an existing document?		
	X	
Explanation: Yes, The Proposed Action transfers the livestock grazing		
to the Kenneth L. Manley Trust on the same allotment as analyzed in		
the existing document with no changes to the number or kind of		
livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing		
preference.		
2. Was a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Action		
analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s), and does that range and		
analysis appropriately consider current environmental concerns,		
interests, and resource values?	X	
Explanation: Yes, a reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in		
the original NEPA document. Current environmental concerns,		
interests and resource values are the same as when the exiting NEPA		

document was implemented.		
document was implemented.		
3. Does the information or circumstances upon which the existing NEPA document(s) are based remain valid and germane to the Proposed Action? Is the analysis still valid in light of new studies or resource assessment information?  Explanation: Yes, The Proposed Action makes no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference, so the original analysis is still valid.	X	
4. Does the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the Proposed Action?  Explanation: Yes, since no changes to the livestock grazing are proposed, the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing document continues to be appropriate for the Proposed Action.	X	
5. Are the direct and indirect impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?  Explanation: Yes, since there would be no changes to the livestock grazing, the direct and indirect impacts remain the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA document.	X	
6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?  Explanation: Yes, since no changes have been made to the grazing in this allotment, the cumulative impacts would be the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA document.	X	
7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action?  Explanation: Yes, the public involvement and interagency review in the existing NEPA documents is adequate for the Proposed Action. There are no known issues or concerns related to Allotment 07098.	X	

### INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of	<b>Date Review</b>
		Responsibility	Completed
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	12/16/2010
Bill B. Wyatt	Staff Archaeologist	Cultural Resources	12/17/2010
		and Tribal	
		Consultation	
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air,	12/6/2010
		and Riparian	
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	12/6/2010

### **REMARKS**:

Cultural Resources: Past actions have resulted in a cultural resource inventory to determine if those actions would cause potential adverse affects to known and unknown cultural resources sites from livestock grazing, motorized travel, and recreational use. When project undertakings are identified, a cultural resource inventory would be conducted to determine if sites are present and their eligibility, project effects, and mitigation requirements as necessary.

Native American Religious Concerns: Because the action is a transfer Tribal consultation was not initiated for this action. All Section 106 undertakings would initiate additional Native American Tribal consultation to identify any potential effects to traditional spiritual places.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The proposed transfer would not impact Endangered, Threatened, or Sensitive Species.

MITIGATION: None

<u>COMPLIANCE PLAN</u>: Compliance with the transferred livestock grazing permit and its associated terms and conditions would be accomplished through the Kremmling Field Office Range Management Program. Livestock grazing would be monitored by the range staff and other area personnel, as appropriate, to ensure compliance. The Kremmling Field Office Range Monitoring Plan would be used to schedule periodic utilization checks, collect trend data and evaluate allotment condition. When activity plans have been developed covering an allotment, monitoring methods and schedules included in them would be applied to the allotment. Changes would be made to the permit, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF PREPARER: Richard Johnson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

DATE:

<u>ATTACHMENT:</u>
Livestock Grazing Permit # 0504348 with Standard Terms and Conditions

## **CONCLUSION**

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Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the land use plan and that the NEPA documentation previously prepared fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

### SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:

### **DATE SIGNED**:

Note: The signed <u>Conclusion</u> on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.